

Bon Air Special Area Plan - Synopsis of Citizen Comments and Staff Response

April/May 2015

Total Number of comments

| Comment # | # of times comment made | Comment | Staff Response |
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| 1 | 27 | General Positive | Noted |
| 2 | 5 | General Negative | Noted |
| 3 | 6 | Rockaway Rd and Buford Road Intersection improvements needed. | Improvements to this intersection have been considered, however, at this time are not being recommended because of property impacts as well as the potential consequences on nearby residential streets. |
| 4 | 16 | Concern over need for/Dislike sidewalks. | Noted |
| 5 | 23 | Concern with land use recommendation along Huguenot and Bannon | Noted - the plan recommends neighborhood commercial within this area would be appropriate if property can be aggregated prior to rezoning and redevelopment. The plan also identifies specific design standards to reduce the impacts on nearby residential areas. |
| 6 | 173 | Support Sidewalks and Trails | Noted |
| 7 | 37 | Support Park at Bon Air Elementary School | Noted |
| 8 | 47 | Concern with land use recommendation at Buford and Forest Hill South | The land use and design recommendations have been revised, limiting the height from 3 stories to 2 stories and allowing residential townhomes as part of mixed use development to provide a transition to single-family residential along McRae Road. |

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| 9 | 45 | Concern with land use recommendation at Buford and Tinsley | The land use and design recommendations have been revised, limiting the height from 3 stories to 2 stories and allowing residential townhomes as part of mixed use development to provide a transition to single-family residential along Tinsley Drive. |
| 10 | 6 | Closure of Old Bon Air Depot - dislike recommendation | Noted |
| 11 | 3 | Code Complaint | Code complaints have been forwarded to code enforcement office for the area for review and action. |
| 12 | 8 | Support power lines underground | Agree - underground utility lines is a recommendation of the plan. |
| 13 | 12 | Fund sewer service to homes | The plan has been updated to recommend sewer extension to properties that do not have county sewer available and a map of potential extension areas/projects has been included as part of the plan. |
| 14 | 1 | Concern over light rail in plan (dislike) | Noted - light rail is addressed within the countywide Comprehensive Plan. |
| 15 | 11 | Extend pedestrian facilities along Huguenot | The plan has been updated to include a revised Pedestrian and Bicycling Network map that extends the recommended sidewalk along the entire length of Huguenot Road within the plan boundaries. |
| 16 | | Offer after school care at Bon Air Elementary School | Noted - the plan recommends that Bon Air Elementary School serve as a community facility including the potential to host non-school events and functions that serve the surrounding area. |
| 17 | | Concern over mature tree loss | Agree - preserving and replacing lost trees are both recommendations of the plan. |
| 18 | 18 | Support Mixed Use Development Recommendation | Noted |
| 19 | 8 | Support Huguenot/Bannon Commercial Land Use Recommendation | Noted |

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| 20 | 30 | Support traffic calming measures | Agree - several traffic calming measures are included as recommendations in the plan. |
| 21 | 5 | Support streetscaping amenities | Agree - streetscaping amenities are recommended as part of commercial redevelopment and are included in the design standard recommendations within the plan. |
| 22 | 19 | Dislike roundabouts | Noted |
| 23 | 1 | Against civic association formation | Noted |
| 24 | 8 | Painting of water tower | The plan does not make any recommendations regarding the appearance of the water tower. |
| 25 | 6 | Gateway Signage - dislike example in plan | The graphic in the plan is intended to serve as an example of a gateway sign in the county. The graphic does not represent a final design or style. |
| 26 | 2 | Don't like park recommendation at Bon Air Elementary School | Noted |
| 27 | 12 | Support Victorian architecture or architectural treatments | The county is working on development ordinances to bring forward with that would include language regarding architectural design and styles within the commercial area. |
| 28 | 5 | Bring back Bon Air ZIP Code | Noted |
| 29 | 4 | Poor access to library | The plan has been updated to include a revised Pedestrian and Bicycling Network map that includes a neighborhood byway through the neighborhood to the north of the library; neighborhood byway improvements could help deter library traffic on these small residential streets. |
| 30 | 17 | Support additional sidewalks and/or bikeways on Buford, Logan, Jahnke, Forest Hill | The plan has been updated to include a revised Pedestrian and Bicycling Network map that identifies several additional Neighborhood Byways to connect residential areas to the core network. |

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| 31 | 4 | In favor of light rail | Noted - light rail is addressed within the countywide Comprehensive Plan. |
| 32 | 2 | Concern over trail on Bon Air Presbyterian Church property | The plan has been updated to include a revised Pedestrian and Bicycling Network map that reroutes the recommended network and removes the trail from the Bon Air Presbyterian Church Property. |
| 33 | 6 | Add access to pedestrian network from neighborhoods/areas south of the railroad | The plan has been updated to include a revised Pedestrian and Bicycling Network map that include additional Neighborhood Byways and a marked crosswalk to better connect residential areas south of the railroad to the core network. |
| 34 | 34 | Reduce traffic on Forest Hill Avenue and Buford Road | Improvements to these roads have been considered, however, at this time are not being recommended because of potential consequences to diverting traffic onto nearby residential streets and impacts to the village character that would result from road widening. |
| 35 | | Extend sidewalk to school front door | Agree - the plan recommends a shared use path that connects the sidewalk on Polk Street to the entrance of the school. |
| 36 | 9 | School development concerns, specific park facilities | The neighborhood park graphic in the plan is intended to be conceptual. The graphic and text regarding the neighborhood park has been updated to emphasize future outreach and input regarding specific design and details of the park recommendation. |

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| 37 | 1 | Support focal points and/or public spaces as part of design in commercial core | Agree - focal points and public spaces are recommended as part of commercial redevelopment and are included in the design standard recommendations within the plan. |
| 38 | 5 | Additional school parking needed | Noted - opportunities for additional parking will be explored during the Neighborhood Park outreach and design effort. |
| 39 | 20 | Additional crosswalks requested | The plan has been updated to include a revised Pedestrian and Bicycling Network map that includes additional crosswalks at the following locations: Huguenot and Buford and Buford and West Bon View Drive. |
| 40 | 2 | Address bus service | Bus services is addressed within the countywide Comprehensive Plan. |
| 41 | 2 | Consider alternative land uses along Forest Hill (south/east of commercial core) | Alternative land uses were considered along Forest Hill Avenue, however, were ultimately not recommended within the plan because of site constraints and the intention to keep commercial uses concentrated within the core. |